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SUBJECT: ESCAP:STATISTICS DIVISION CHIEF LEAVING

1. DURING BRIEF EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON STATISTICS, ESCAP
STATISTICS DIVISION CHIEF VISWANATHAN SUDDENLY ANNOUNCED HE WILL
DEPART DECEMBER 1975 FOR A ONE YEAR ASSIGNMENT AT UN HEADQUAR-
TERS BEFORE RETIRING.

2. IF WE HAVE ANY QUALIFIED AMERICAN CANDIDATES, SEND NAMES AND
CVS SOONEST. WE CAN AT LEAST MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO RECOUP OUR
LOSS OF DIVISION CHIEF SLOT IN POPULATION.

3. WE ARE NOT SANGUINE OF SUCCESS HOWEVER. RUMOR HAS IT MARAMIS
HAS DECIDED TO PROVIDE VISWANATHAN'S JOB TO A BURMESE. WE UNDER-
STAND MARAMIS' STAFF HAVE BEEN ADVISING MARAMIS NOT TO PLAY
POLITICS WITH THESE DIVISION CHIEF POSITIONS, BUT HE APPARENTLY
IS DISREGARDING THIS ADVICE.

4. WE SHOULD INCLUDE TOPIC OF ASSIGNMENT OF AMERICANS TO ESCAP
AND POLITICIZATION OF DIVISION CHIEF POSITIONS ON AGENDA ON
ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM'S MEETING WITH MARAMIS IN EARLY
NOVEMBER.
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